

Meeting Minutes
CBCGB Board of Elders (“BoE”)
March 9, 2019

Present: Elder Ke-Chieh Chu (BoE Chair), Elder Chaw-Bing Chang, Elder Chris Cheng (BoE Secretary), Elder Yuguang He, Elder Paul Huang, Deacon Jason Lee (BoD Chair), Pastor Juta Pan (Senior Pastor), Elder Timothy Lu, Elder Loren Shih, Elder Ji-yong Wang

(9:02am) Elder K.C. opened in prayer

Open Sharing (All)

Senior Pastor Sharing (Pastor Juta Pan)

- Winter retreats ran smoothly and were fruitful
 - Intercollegiate Fellowship (ICF): February 15-17
 - City Outreach Ministry Boston Student Fellowship (COM BSF): February 15-17
 - Senior Alive: February 16-18
 - Junior Alive: February 22-24
- Chinese Ministry
 - Mandarin Gospel Meeting with speaker Bingchen Feng will be March 15-17.
 - Pastor Pan noted that it is tempting to think that having a famous, popular speaker guarantees success. The church must still seek to rely on God, pray, and work hard.
 - There are more than 250 Chinese Ministry members registered and committed to reading through the Bible in one year, with numerous online WeChat discussion groups.
 - The church is still trying to identify a location for the Memorial Day retreat. If a site cannot be identified, the retreat may be held at church instead.
- Cross Bridge
 - Cross Bridge is preaching through a sermon series on apologetics and Christian ethics.
- City Outreach Ministry
 - The 10th anniversary celebration and baptism will be held on Easter (April 21).
 - 16 people registered for the Spring baptism class which started on February 24.
 - Because of the transient nature of the ministry, preparations are underway for transition of leaders and co-workers during the summer.
- Pastoral staff
 - Cross Bridge, Youth, and City Outreach Ministry pastor searches continue.
 - Weekly Jubilee devotionals began to be distributed last Sunday (March 3). They will be co-written by pastoral staff alongside a few translators and editors.
 - The pastoral staff has had discussions about how to minister to the younger generations in Chinese Ministry, Cross Bridge, and Youth ministry, and what our strategy might be to reach them with the Gospel.

- Dr. Dennis Hollinger from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary will preach tomorrow at Cross Bridge and meet afterwards with pastors and elders concerning sexual ethics.

Board of Deacons Report (Deacon Jason Lee)

- Minor property maintenance and repairs were accomplished in the last month including the repair of the baptismal tub and heater.
- The deacons are working on creating a plan for responding to various emergency situations. It is important to keep contact information for key ministry leaders up-to-date.
- A new projector for the chapel is being ordered, but a temporary one has been put in place.
- For more details, please refer to the February 2019 Board of Deacons meeting

Cross Bridge Pastoral Search (Elder Chris Cheng)

- Resumes continue to come in and the committee continues to review candidates.

Youth Pastor search (Elder Loren Shih)

- Very few resumes have come in.

Ministry Review - Cross Bridge Fellowship (Elder Paul Huang)

- Emily Cheng and Melissa Yang presented on the state of Cross Bridge fellowships.
- Cross Bridge leadership has recently sought to better understand the felt needs of the congregation and families within Cross Bridge.
- Besides giving an overview of Cross Bridge fellowships, they highlighted the need to recognize inter-generational differences in values and priorities among Generation X, Millennials, and Generation Z.
- The review also discussed the needs of Cross Bridge young families and Children's ministry.

Information Session Planning (All)

- The current proposed agenda for the information session is:
 - Opening Remarks
 - Opening Prayer
 - Church Spiritual Renewal Plan in the Year of Jubilee
 - 50th Anniversary Reflection and Activity Planning
 - Church Building Expansion Advisory Team Updates
 - Major Board of Deacon Accomplishments
 - Question and Discussion
 - Closing Prayer

Church Council Meeting (3/16) Planning (All)

- The current proposed agenda for next week's church council meeting is:
 - Opening Prayer
 - Report from Pastoral Staffs

- Report from the Board of Deacons
- Reports from the Board of Elders
- Quarterly Financial Report
- Information Session Planning
- Closing Prayer
- An additional agenda item concerning the church's emergency response plan will be added to the agenda.
- Elder K.C. will also give a preview of the June church council retreat schedule.

Veritas Forum Event (Elder Chaw-bing Chang)

- The church was approached to sponsor a Veritas Forum event which seeks to engage with Asian Christian PhD candidates that are on the path towards academia. The church is considering whether or not to engage.

Updates on Andover Outreach Meeting with CBCGL (Elder Paul Huang)

- Action had been assigned to Elder Paul Huang in January BoE. A meeting between CBCGB and CBCGL leadership was held on February 28. Elder Ke-Chieh Chu, Elder Paul Huang, and Minister Yuegang Zhang represented CBCGB leadership.
- CBCGB expressed willing to continue to support the ministry with the existing participating co-workers and financial support. If the ministry goal is changed from outreach to church planting, CBCGB will need to rethink the partnership in this ministry and bring the case back to the Board of Elders for discussion.

(12:50p) Elder Chris closed in prayer